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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action dated August 22, 2006, claim 1 – 16 were allowed and claim 17 is rejected. In response, Applicant has canceled claim 17. Applicant
5 respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the canceled claim and the below-provided remarks.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

10 Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1 – 16 are allowed.

II. Abstract

The Office action states that the application does not contain an abstract of the
15 disclosure as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). Applicant provides herewith an Abstract that meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.72(b).

III. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

20 Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Douglas et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,702,767, hereinafter Douglas).

Claim 17 has been canceled.

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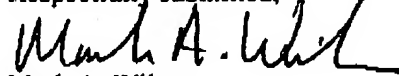
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Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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